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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

WESAM M. ABDRABOUH, R.P.

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RI 27104

This matter was opened to the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy upon the receipt of information that on December 8, 2000, Wesam M. Abdrabouh was arrested by the Freehold Police Department and criminally charged with Unlawful Possession of Prescription Legend Drugs and receiving Stolen Property, to wit: Valley Hospital New Jersey Prescription Blanks. According to the Freehold Township Police Department Investigation Report, on the rear passenger seat of Mr. Abdrabouh's vehicle was a bottle of Viagra, 25mg., and under the seat, a bag containing one bottle of Viagra, two bottles of Prilosec, one bottle of Levaquin and two bottles of Lipitor, all

prescription legend drugs. In the pocket of his jacket, there were found eleven prescription blanks belonging to Valley Hospital.

Respondent testified under oath before the Board of Pharmacy on May 23, 2001, that he was transporting the medications from one pharmacy to another pharmacy located nearby in Jersey City on behalf of his "uncle" who was in fact a close family friend. The bottle of Viagra on the rear seat was given to him by his "uncle" without a prescription.

In fact, respondent had not received the medications from his "uncle" and had contacted that pharmacist/owner after his arrest and asked him to "cover" for him in reference to the Viagra. Moreover, the pharmacist advised that he had not authorized the removal from his store of any medications and had not had respondent in his employ since the early part of 2000.

Respondent, admitting to the above described conduct, and acknowledging that the above described conduct constitutes professional misconduct and the use of fraud or dishonesty contrary to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) and (e), and the parties having agreed and consented to the resolution of this matter without the necessity of formal proceedings available to the Board, and respondent understanding the terms and impact of the within Order, and it therefore appearing that due cause exists for the entry of the within Order,

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 27th DAY OF June, 2001,

ORDERED AND AGREED

1. That respondent's license to practice pharmacy shall be and hereby is suspended for six (6) months. Respondent shall not handle, order, inventory, compound, count, fill, refill or dispense any drug; he shall not handle anything requiring a prescription including devices and medications; he shall not handle prescriptions; he shall not advise or consult with patients, and he is prohibited from being present within a prescription filling area of a pharmacy.

2. That respondent shall pay a civil penalty of \$6,000 and upon receipt of an affidavit of costs from the Executive Director of the Board, shall pay costs for the use of the State to the Board of Pharmacy, both to be paid by certified check or money order payable to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy within 30 days of the entry of the within Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

By: Richard A. Palombo R.P.
Richard A. Palombo, R.P., President

By: Anthony Alexander, R.P., President

I have read the within Order and I understand each of the terms of the Order and agree to be bound by it.

Wesam M. Abdrabouh, R.P.
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